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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated 4 / 23 / 2002.

Please replace claims 1 and 13 with the following:

1. (twice amended) A fiber reinforced composite article comprising a matrix and reinforcing fibers wherein:

the article comprises a plurality of discrete regions each extending substantially completely through the matrix of the article;

a first region of the article during operation use subjected to a first temperature and a first stress, and including first fibers having a first strength greater than the first stress; and,

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